GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Registration & Stamps Department – Allegations of corruption of illegal gratification against Sri R.Damodara Rao, District Registrar, Visakhapatnam and Sri K.Rohan Kumar, Sub-Registrar, Anandapuram, Visakhapatnam District - Departmental action for violation of Conduct Rules - Common Disciplinary Proceedings under Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 – Written Statements of Defence received – Case entrusted to Commissioner of Inquiries – Inquiring Authority appointed –Re-examined the case – Further action dropped - Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 422 Dated: 17-04-2020
Read the following:

1. From the DG.,ACB, Vijayawada,Rc.No.03/RE-CIU/2016, dt.16-8-2017.
2. G.O.Ms.No.257, Revenue (Vig-II) Department, dated 22-03-2019.
3. G.Os.Rt.No.430 & 431, Revenue (Vig-II) Department,dated 22-3-2019.
4. Explanation dated 15-05-2019 from Sri R.Damodara Rao, DR, VSP.
5. Explanation dated 29-05-2019 from Sri K.Rohan Kumar, SR, Anandapruam, VSP, received in section on 10-06-2019.
6. G.O.Rt.No.723, Revenue (Vigilance-II) Department, Dated 05-07-2019.
7. G.O.Rt.No.874, Revenue (Vigilance-II) Department, Dated 19-08-2019.

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Where as in the reference 1st read above, the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau has furnished a final report on the investigation conducted by the Bureau on the petition received against Sri R.Damodara Rao, District Registrar, Visakhapatnam and recommended to initiate departmental action against the above Officer along with Sri K.Rohan Kumar, Sub Registrar, Anandapuram for violation of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 and place the Charged Officers on their defence before the Commissioner of Inquiries.

2. Where as in the reference 2nd read above, common disciplinary proceedings initiated against both the Charged Officers for violation of conduct rules, and vide reference 3rd read above, the following Charges framed against them:

Charge framed against Sri R.Damodara Rao, District Registrar, Visakhapatnam (Charged Officer-I) :

CO-1 while working as DR, VSP kept document of Sri KSN Raju pending for impounding & validation without collecting deficit fee since 18.01.2015 and finally validated on 31.03.2016 as per orders of Hon'ble High Court AP with ulterior motive to extract money from Sri KSN Raju. Thus CO has thereby contravened Rules 3 (1) & (2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Charge framed against Sri K.Rohan Kumar, Sub-Registrar, Anandapuram, Visakhapatnam District (Charged Officer-2) :

The CO-2 while working as SR, Anandapuram has simply forwarded unregistered sale deed dated 05-06-1970 to DR, Visakhapatnam after impounding for validation and collecting deficit stamp duty which is presented before him as an evidence for registration of sale deed, without verifying its genuineness, as it appears on the face of it that execution of unregistered sale deed in favour of KSN Raju is so improbable, as date of birth of KSN Raju is 09.06.1960 (as per Aadhaar card submitted by KSN Raju) at the time of

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presenting sale deed for registration and allowed registration of document No.P-383/2015 and kept pending same with ulterior motive and committed misconduct. Thus CO has thereby contravened Rules 3 (1) (2) & (5) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

3. Where as in the references 4th and 5th read above, the Charged Officers have submitted Written Statement of Defenses, wherein they have denied the charges and requested to drop further action against them. Sri R.Damodara Rao, District Registrar, Visakhapatnam (Charged Officer-I) in his explanation, while stating among other things, he has stated that the complainant, Sri KSN Raju became impatient and made false allegations against Charged Officer-I due to misunderstanding in dealing with subject and expressed his apologies and withdrawn his complaint dated 17-02-2016 vide letter dated 02-04-2016.

4. In the reference 7th read above, Government have appointed Sri J.Satyanarayana, IPS as Inquiring Authority to inquire into the charges framed against said two Charged Officers.

5. After re-examining the matter in detail, Government have decided to drop further action against Sri R.Damodara Rao, District Registrar, Visakhapatnam and Sri K.Rohan Kumar, Sub-Registrar, Anandapuram, Visakhapatnam District.

6. Accordingly, Government hereby order to drop further action against Sri R.Damodara Rao, District Registrar, Visakhapatnam and Sri K.Rohan Kumar, Sub-Registrar, Anandapuram, Visakhapatnam District.

7. The Commissioner & Inspector General, Registration and Stamps, AP, Vijayawada shall take further action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

PEEYUSH KUMAR
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

To
The individuals (through the Commissioner & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Eedupugallu, Vijayawada).
The Commissioner & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Eedupugallu, Vijayawada.
Sri J.Satyanarayana, IPS (R) Commissioner of Inquiries, Andhra Pradesh, General Administration (COI-R) Department, AP Secretariat Building No.5, Velagapudi.
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The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, Andhra Pradesh, P.N.Bus Station, II Floor, NTR Administrative Block, Vijayawada.
The Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Visakhapatnam District.
The Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Kurnool District.
The General Administration (COI) Department, A.P.Secretariat, Building No.5, Velgapudi, Guntur District.
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SECTION OFFICER